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SUBJ: LECTURE ON CHINESE MILITARY THREAT

1. LENINGRAD PUBLIC LECTURE JANUARY 22 WAS DEVOTED TO CHINESE MILITARY THREAT. DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, APPARENTLY BASED MAINLY ON WESTERN STUDIES, WAS PITCHED LARGELY ON CHINESE POTENTIAL AND INTENTIONS, WITH CHINESE AT PRESENT CREDITED WITH 25 MRBM'S CAPABLE OF REACHING URALS. SPEAKER PLAYED DOWN QUALITY OF CHINESE CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES BUT EMPHASIZED QUANTITY, CLAIMING 42 DIVISION IN MANCHURIA AND MANY OTHERS IN OTHER NORTHERN BORDER AREAS. SPEAKER'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT CHINA IS A POTENTIAL THREAT TO PEACE. (DETAIL IN LENINGRAD A-010.)

2. COMMENT: CHINESE MILITARY THREAT HAS NOT BEEN PLAYED UP PUBLICLY HERE RECENTLY, AND WE DO NOT REMEMBER SUCH AN EXPLICIT WARNING ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF CHINESE TROOPS AIMED AT USSR. DEVOTION OF AN ENTIRE LECTURE TO THE SUBJECT IS UNUSUAL AND IS OUT OF TUNE WITH MOSCOW LECTURER ON CHINA JAN 25, WHO FOCUSED ON INTERNAL SITUATION AND, ASKED BY LISTENER ABOUT A MILITARY THREAT, DISMISSED IT ON GROUND THAT CHINA IS TOO WEAK AND TOO ENTANGLED

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